

Congressman Harris.

W. A. Harris, congressman-at-large, is now in the state helping along the campaign of education.

While Kansas Populists have good reason to be proud of all their representatives in the present congress, they do some special rejoicing in the fact that Colonel Harris represents Kansas in the house committee on Pacific railroads. This is because, first, the railroad question occupies an important place among Populist principles; second, Kansas is intersected by the Union Pacific, and, third, there is no man more able or willing to cope with this important question than Colonel Harris. He thoroughly understands railroad affairs, including the methods of stock and bond manipulation, and he knows the history of the Pacific railroads by rote. In addition to all that he is honest, and was never known to betray a trust. In this last particular, however, he is on a level with John Davis, Jerry Simpson, Wm. Baker and T. J. Hudson.

Colonel Harris vigorously opposed the extension of time to the bondholders of the Pacific railroads, on the grounds that these people had never kept faith with the government, and did not intend to. He defeated the proposition to extend the time 100 years and is now opposing the proposition to extend it fifty years at 3 per cent interest. He is in favor of foreclosure and has the co-operation of four other members of the committee. He also has the opposition of the majority, backed by a strong lobby of railroad bondholders. His only hope is that public sentiment will come to his assistance. In case it does the United States will soon own at least one system of railroad lines. In this effort Colonel Harris ought to receive the support of the practical people of all parties.

Colonel Harris is very enthusiastic in his support of the People's party state ticket, and thinks his party will elect the state officers and a majority of the representatives this year.

Why Hudson Declined.

To the Hon. J. M. Dunsmore, Chairman of Convention and Members of People's Party Congressional Committee, Third Kansas District:

GENTLEMEN:—One week ago to-day I returned to Kansas after thirteen months absence. On my way home by appointment I met Mr. Atchison, chairman of the congressional committee, at Oswego, and arranged with him for a meeting of the congressional committee. I therefore greet you, and with due deliberation on the public interest and my private affairs, I deem it inexpedient to accept the nomination of our people and make the campaign for congress this fall, and I, therefore, formally decline the same.

The principal reason that prompts me to take this step is my financial condition. All my real property is heavily encumbered except the house in which I dwell. My farms and live stock, which constitute four-fifths of my holdings, have rapidly depreciated during the last two years and have been an expense instead of a source of income, and I find it impossible to longer remain in congress, sustain this burden and remain honest to my constituents. My law practice has also disappeared, owing to my enforced absence. The demands upon my official salary from various sources have more than absorbed it, and I find myself much poorer than I was ten years ago. I have a wife and five children to whom I owe my first and best efforts. If I were to enter upon this campaign I should be compelled to do without one dollar of finan-

cial aid from any source whatever, as our national congressional committee, instead of aiding me, is receiving aid at my hands. (The same is true of all our congressmen.)

There is not the slightest doubt that the district is safe for the People's party this year if our people will all get into line and work. While the money power, trusts and combines, as well as the daily newspapers, are against us, the majority of the toilers and producers are heart and soul with us. And above and beyond all, we are right.

My own home paper thinks it has a personal grievance against me and has refused to consent to give me hearty support. We must find a candidate that can consolidate all the factions, some one who can not be blamed for postoffice appointments. I could make the race and win, but to do so would mean bankruptcy which should not be required of anyone, although it is our duty, each and every one of us, to put our shoulder to the wheel and secure the election of the entire People's ticket, state, congressional and county.

To the many thousand friends who have stood by me in this district and state, who are loyal to me and the people's cause, I wish briefly to say that my entire efforts in congress have been to redeem the pledges made the people of my district two years ago, as well as the interest of the whole people, and assure them that the sun will never set on a single day of my life without witnessing some effort on my part to help better the condition of the common people.

Sincerely believing that this action will result in arousing our people and every sincere reformer in the district in a united and herculean effort in behalf of the masses against the classes, thereby assuring a complete victory at the polls in November, I am yours truly,

T. J. HUDSON.

And Satan Appeared in Kansas City.

A press dispatch from Kansas City, Kas., September 12, said:

"Attorney J. A. Smith, a prominent Populist of this city, had, according to his corroborated statement, a temptation Monday night which sorely tried his party fealty. While seated in his office in the old Wyandotte National Banking company's building he was approached by W. H. Bennington and H. B. Arroughs, both identified with the Populist party at Topeka, who said they had an important proposition to make. Smith closed the doors and gave his attention to the men. They said in substance: 'Being aware of your personal hostility to Governor Leavelle and the Populist state ticket, we want to engage you to help elect Morrill and the other republican nominees. Our plan is like this: You must get a lot of A. P. A. republicans in Wyandotte county, who are not generally known as republicans, to sign a petition, praying for the nomination of another Populist state ticket. These petitioners must suggest the following candidates: Cyrus Corning, of Topeka, for governor; M. A. Pratt, of Wichita, for lieutenant governor; Alexander Young, of Pittsburg, for state auditor; W. H. Bennington, of Topeka for associate justice; S. T. Chery, of Parsons, for state treasurer; H. A. White, of Augusta, for attorney general; Mrs. Etta Semple, of Ottawa, for state superintendent of public instruction. After getting up this petition we want you to stump the state in the pretended interest of the independent Populist ticket. We are authorized by Cyrus W. Leland, chairman of the republican

state central committee, to say that you will be paid for your services, and that you will be provided with a railway pass during the campaign.'

"Although Smith is known to be a bitter enemy of Leavelle he declined to accept the offer of Bennington and Arroughs. Smith claims the men left the office in great dismay. The affair was the chief topic of conversation in local political circles yesterday."

There is no doubt but what Bennington is engaged in just that kind of business, but why on earth Smith could resist his seductive influence is beyond understanding. The Bennington-Corning crowd do not want for funds or railroad tickets while they are engaged in this contemptible business.

Kansas Knights of Labor.

The state assembly of the Knights of Labor of Kansas in session September 11 and 12, in Topeka, elected the following officers: A. C. Baker, Junction City, S. M. W.; Mrs. Eva M. Blackman, Leavenworth, S. W. F.; C. H. Barrows, Atchison, S. Sec. Treas.; S. W. Coombs, Milford, delegate to G. A.; D. E. Barry, Atchison, alternate to G. A.; A. C. Callahan, Junction City, S. S.

They adopted the following declaration and resolutions:

The ninth annual state assembly of the Knights of Labor of Kansas, assembled in Topeka, do re-affirm our principles as set forth in the preamble to the constitution of our order; and further be it

Resolved, That in Governor Leavelle we recognize a true friend to the laboring classes whose inclination to do all he can toward the bettering of their condition is circumstanced only through the restraint of laws placed in our statutes by corporation attorneys. That we commend him for the manly and humane position he took in his now famous "Tramp Circular," for his attitude toward unfortunate brothers who passed through our state seeking to better their condition. We unqualifiedly condemn the vicious attacks, unsupported by evidence, made through the public press, upon his official conduct in his administration of the affairs of the state, and, fully believing that it is the same malignant influence that has always attacked the character and blacklisted every person who had the moral courage to champion the rights of laboring humanity, we call upon every true Knight of Labor in Kansas to stand by the man who has stood by them, and work unceasingly for his re-election; we feel confident that relief from present conditions can be obtained only through the election this fall of Populist state officers, associate justice and the legislature.

Resolved, That whereas the pending constitutional amendment embodies Article XXI of the preamble of the constitution of the Knights of Labor, we hereby renew the declaration of our belief in woman's suffrage and pledge our aid to effect the passage of the amendment.

Resolved, That we are heartily in sympathy with the oppressed miners of the state, and urge our legislative committee to aid them in securing the enforcement of the screen law, and such mining legislation as will prevent the inroads made by the companies upon their scant earnings, and we extend our thanks to A. C. Galligher, state mine inspector, for his able and exhaustive report on the mining industries of the state, far exceeding as it does the report of any previous mine inspector.

A Big Farmers' Picnic.

There will be held a farmers' and horticultural picnic at Oak Grange hall, Mission Center, on Thursday, September 27, from 10 to 4 o'clock. Everybody invited to be present. Don't forget the lunch basket. The Shawnee County Horticultural society will present an interesting program. Besides, addresses will be given on behalf of the grange by Hon. Alpha Messer, lecturer of the national grange and by Hon. A. P. Reardon, of the Kansas State grange. Let

this convention be attended by all, as it is probably the most important and enjoyable farmers' convention that will be held in Shawnee county this year.

Shawnee County Meetings.

The following dates will be filled by the county candidates, and by Messrs. Clemens, Snider, Osborn, Senter, Scott, Gaines, Clark, McRoberts and others. Governor Leavelle, and Colonel Jesse Harper, of Illinois, will speak in Topeka, September 29:

Sept. 19, Dover.
" 20, Valencia.
" 22, Seabrook.
" 24, Berryton.
" 26, Kilmer.
" 28, Tennessee Town.
" 27, Topeka.
" 28, North Topeka.

Public Speaking.

SENATOR PFEFFER.

Sept. 20, Conway Spgs. Sept. 22, Medicine Lgo.
" 21, Caldwell. " 24, Harper.
COLONEL JESSE HARPER (OF ILLINOIS).
Sept. 21, Eldorado. Sept. 27, Greenleaf.
" 22, Weir City. " 28, Hiawatha and
" 24, Marysville. " Horton.
" 25, Clifton. " 26, Topeka.
" 26, Washington.

SECRETARY OSBORN.

Sept. 20, Cundiff's Grove. Sept. 24, Leocompton.
" 22, Topeka. " 25, Bonner Spgs.

SENATOR LEBDY.

Sept. 20, Denmore, day. Sept. 22, Norton, night.
" Edmond, night. " 24, Dresden.
" 21, Lenora. " 25, Colby.
" 22, Clayton, day. " 26, Selden.
" 27, Hoxie.

GOVERNOR LEWELLING.

Sept. 20, Fredonia. Sept. 25, Newton.
" 21, Eureka. " 26, Topeka.
" 22, Augusta.

MRS. ANNIE L. DIGGS.

Sept. 20, Labette. Sept. 26, Beloit.
" 21, Edna. " 27, Jewell City.
" 22, Halstead. " 28, Weber.
" 24, Stockton. " 29, Salina.
" 25, Osborne.

GAINES.

Sept. 20, Meade. Sept. 22, Halstead,
" 21, Turon.

JUDGE FOOTE.

Sept. 19, Kinsley. Sept. 26, Meade.
" 20, Fredonia. " 27, Ashland.
" 21, Hutchinson. " 28, Coldwater.
" 22, Halstead. " 29, Norwich.
" 25, Greensburg.

FRANK R. FORBES.

Sept. 20, Winchester. Sept. 22, Valley Grove.
" 21, McLouth.

W. H. CARPENTER.

Sept. 21, Courtland. Sept. 22, Formosa.

REV. J. D. BOYKIN.

Sept. 20, Labette City. Sept. 24, Columbus.
" 21, Eureka. " 25, Arkansas City.
" 22, Emporia. " 26, Winfield.
" 23, Emporia.

CONGRESSMAN BAKER.

Sept. 20, McDonald. Sept. 26, Hoxie.
" 21, Bird City. " 27, Hill City.
" 22, St. Francis. " 28, Plainville.
" 23, Lawn Ridge. " 29, Stockton.
" 24, Goodland. " 30, Alton.
" 25, Colby.

CONGRESSMAN HARRIS.

Sept. 24, Nortonville. Sept. 26, Alma.
" day, Valley. " 27, Junction City.
" Falls night. " 28, Abilene.
" 25, Holton. " 29, Salina.

J. W. AMES.

Sept. 20, Jewell County. Sept. 26, Milford.
" 21, Jamestown. " 27, Morris county.
" 22, Morganville. " 28, Lyon county.
" 24, Manhattan. " 29, Coffey county.

JUDGE DOSTER.

Sept. 20, Hiawatha and Sept. 22, Springdale.
" Horton. " 24, Valley Falls.
" 21, Holton.

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